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TOPIC Soviet Troops at Koethen Airfield

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1. In addition to an air force unit, an army unit of undetermined strength was stationed at the Koethen (M 52/D 95) airfield on 26 March 1951. The personnel of this unit wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. About 140 troops were seen either practicing with two mortars of about 120 mm caliber and two aiming circles or receiving basic infantry training.

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\* Comment. The units quartered in the Fliegerhorst Kasern at Koethen airfield are believed to include the 23d Gds Ltz Rifle Regt and the unidentified Gds Mort Regt, both of the 7th Gds Tank Div. The present report confirms this belief and shows that the troops were still at their post at the beginning of April 1951. A previous hypothesis that the troops from Koethen might have moved to Juetzberg has meanwhile been refuted by other reports.

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